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A European Search Report (ESR) dated September 2, 2004 is attached together with listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the ESR and listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form-1449. Relevance of any non-English document can be ascertained from the attached ESR or from an English language abstract.

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Respectfully submitted,

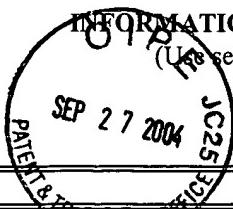
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